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Re: TRW Automotive U.S., LLC, U.S. McCurdy Patent Appln. Serial No. 09/494,954, filed February 1, 2000 for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING AN ACTUATABLE OCCUPANT PROTECTION DEVICE USING AN ULTRASONIC SENSOR, Group Art Unit, 3611, Examiner, Lee Sin Yee Lum Vannucci, Attorney
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Applicant : Roger A. McCurdy
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For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
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Examiner : Lee Sln Yee Lum Vannucci
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(TE)4170
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TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

On July 25 and July 26, 2006, the undersigned and Supervisory Patent Examiner, Lesley Morris, discussed the status of this application. It was agreed that the Office Action of August 16, 2005 improperly reopened prosecution of the application in that:

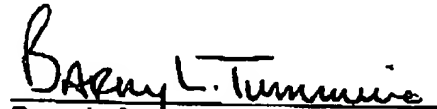
- (1) It stated there was no final rejection issued to proceed to the Board; and
- (2) the Office Action was not signed by the Supervisory Patent Examiner as required by MPEP 1207.04 and 37 CFR §12.187.

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Examiner Morris said that a new Non-Final Office Action reopening prosecution of the application will be issued that would CLEARLY and CONCISELY set forth new grounds for rejection.

Respectfully submitted,


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